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REF: (A) CINCUSNAVEUR DTG 101907Z JULY (NOTAL); (B) STATE 161151 (NOTAL)

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. SINCE CONGRESSIONAL VISITS TO BERBERA, SOMALI AMBASSADOR HAS REAFFIRMED INVITATION FOR PORT VISIT IN

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AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

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INCREASED CORDIALITY, DEPARTMENT AND DOD BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE TO SCHEDULE PORT VISIT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE DURING THAT PERIOD.

2. TWO FEASIBLE OPTIONS ARE 12-18 AUGUST VISIT BY USS REEVES AND 9-12 SEPTEMBER VISIT BY USS LA SALLE. LA SALLE, AS FLAGSHIP OF COMIDEASTFOR AND REPRESENTATIVE OF CONTINUING U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN,IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO HANDLE DIPLOMATIC AMENITIES ENVISAGED FOR INITIAL VISIT. HOWEVER, CURRENT OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE PRECLUDES VISIT EARLIER THAN 9-12 SEPTEMBER. USS REEVES IS MORE MODERN SHIP AND IS AVAILABLE EARLIER, BUT MIGHT BE LESS DESIRABLE LOCALLY BECAUSE IT IS A PART OF PACIFIC FLEET DEPLOYMENT TO INDIAN OCEAN TASK FORCE (REF B).

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUBMIT BOTH DATES TO GSDR AND REQUEST THEY CHOOSE OPTION PREFERABLE TO THEM. ALTERNATETIVELY EMBASSY MAY FEEL THAT ONE OF PROPOSED OPTIONS IS CLEARLY MORE DESIRABLE AND REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR THAT OPTION ONLY.

4. ONCE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE OBTAINED, U.S. NAVY ELEMENT CONCERNED WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY DETAILS. KISSINGER

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